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1. The factory is located in a mountain valley, 18 kilometers northwest of the city of Targu Jiu. It stands between the River Sadului and the mountains of Gorj. The area occupied by the factory buildings covers a length of two and one-half to three kilometers. The electric power of the factory is supplied by a hydroelectric plant of its own, which is located on the Sadului River at a distance of five to six kilometers from the factory. The construction of the factory ended in 1942. A section of the Army's Pyrotechnics Factory of Bucharest was transferred to Sadu and became its first technical staff.
2. Production: The factory produces ammunition for PPS Soviet pistols, 7.62 mm pistols, and 7.62 mm caliber rifles. The factory also produces grenades and various kinds of explosive mechanisms.
3. Factory Administration: The former director of the factory was Gheorghe Dumitru, a locksmith by trade, a native of the Prahova region. He is married and has two children. He is a trusted member of the Party. Director Gheorghe Dumitru received a new appointment and was transferred to the Cugir arms factories and in his place came Director Macovei, who was formerly at the Cugir factories. The director received a salary of 2,500 to 2,600 lei per month.
4. Five Soviet specialists arrived in the summer of 1952 to be part of the factory direction. One of them is named Below. The role of the Soviet specialists is to collaborate with Rumanian technicians to improve and increase production. They use advance Soviet methods. In reality no one has ever seen them collaborating in the drawing up of work plans and programs—because they are never sober. The Soviet specialists do not speak to or collaborate in any way with the Rumanian specialists in the factory. They merely make daily rounds through the workshops, supervise the workers, and give directions to workers. When they give the so-called directions, they always scream and shout. The daily program starts in the morning at the factory canteen, where the Soviet advisers get drunk. Next they inspect the various work areas of the factory, and then return to the canteen to continue their drinking.

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5. **Hiring of New Workers:** According to the labor standards of the PRR, all skilled and unskilled workers are under the authority of the General Direction of Labor Reserves, in Bucharest. This organization has field offices in all district capitals (raioane). Consequently, if a worker wants to enter the Sadu factory, he first must go to the office handling distribution of workers. This office is located in Targu-Jiu. After a short investigation of his past activities, he is sent to the factory with a letter addressed to the personnel office of the factory. At the factory he produces his occupational papers and all personal documents which he possesses. He must sign the following papers:
  - a. A working contract for at least five years.
  - b. A pledge that he will not divulge factory secrets to anyone and will tell no one about his job or what the factory produces. If he does not honor this pledge he is sent to be judged by the military tribunal for treason--giving out military secrets.
6. **Rights of Workers and Salaried Persons:** Leaves--Workers under 18 years of age are permitted to have 21 days' leave annually. The director of the factory, the engineers, and the chiefs of sections are entitled to 30 days' annual leave. Workers who have worked less than one year have no leave. Workers who have worked up to five years have 12 days' annual leave. Workers who have been more than five years in the factory are entitled to 15 days' annual leave.
7. **Food and Housing of Workers:** The factory has canteens for the workers and office employees. The canteen serves lunch and dinner at the cost of five lei per day. The menu consists of two courses: a soup or broth and a stew. The meal includes 250 grams of bread. The food is of bad quality. To house workers, the factory has constructed a workers' community, with a capacity of 1,000 persons. The rest of the workers live in villages neighboring the factory or in Targu-Jiu from where they commute.
8. **Workers' Salaries:** Unskilled workers receive 200 to 250 post-stabilization lei. Skilled workers receive from 350 to 600 lei, according to their speciality and degree of skill, as well as how they fulfill their production standards. The chiefs of sections receive 1,500 lei per month. The Director of the factory gets 2,500 to 2,600 lei per month. The Soviet specialists receive from 7,500 to 8,000 lei per month. The families of the workers receive rations for: food, fuel, clothing, and shoes. These ration cards are of two types: Ration Card, type B, for workers considered to do heavy work; Ration Card, type C, for office employees and laborers considered to do light work.
9. **Workers Complement:** The Sadu ammunitions factory has about 3,000 workers and about 350 office employees.
10. **Workers Organizations:** All factory personnel are regimented in the following organizations: Workers Syndicate, Rumanian Workers Party, Youth Union, Union of Rumanian Democratic Women, Rumanian-Soviet Brotherhood (ARLUS).
11. **Union of Laboring Youth:** This organization is composed of workers, aged 14 to 28 years. The supreme leadership body of this organization is the Central Union of Laboring Youth (UTM) Committee in Bucharest. There are also regional and district (raion) committees for big cities and localities, within factories and basic organizations (sic). A basic organization may come into existence with a minimum of 3 UTM members. There are 9 UTM groups in the Sadu factory,

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organized on the basis of 9 production sections of the factory. They are all directed by the UTM Committee of the factory. The secretary of the UTM Committee is Nicolae Stan, a member of the Rumanian Workers Party and a worker by profession. He came to the Sadu factory from the Dinamica Navy Yards of Turnu Severin. He has only political activity and takes no part in factory production. The group's meetings are held twice a month, or more often under exceptional circumstances. During the meetings, political subjects are discussed: the USSR youth (komsomol Organization), the peace policy of the USSR, the warmongering of the US, et cetera. As far as activity within the factory is concerned, the discussions consist only in criticizing workers who have made mistakes during work.

12. Factory Guard: The factory guard is carried out by a security unit quartered in the factory yard. This unit has a complement of 120 soldiers on active duty. These soldiers fulfill military service in the MAI troops. Sentry posts have been set up at the factory's entrances as well as at other points considered important. In the interior of the factory there are fixed firemen posts. During the night, the sentry posts are doubled.
13. Factory Security: The Security authorities in Targu-Jiu are responsible for the factory's security. To fulfill their mission the security officers and sub-officers from Targu-Jiu come to the factory several times a week. They contact the personnel section, from which they obtain information concerning morale and activity developments in the factory. If there is any indication that a worker has shown laxity or ill will in his work, he is called to the personnel office where he is usually threatened, cursed, and cruelly beaten. [REDACTED]

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